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A Life Cartoon Comedy.

High-hat Harold is the owner of a circus while Mike, a lively youngster and in love with Myrtle, is only a musician who plays the caliope in the parade. Myrtle's beauty appeals to Harold although she was only a bareback rider. The High-hat gentlemen does his best to thwart the love-making ventures of Mike. Stumbling around to find some means of defending these plans, Harold bumps into a giant elephant and upsets his pail of water. The giant beast forces High-hat Harold to bring him water. Tiring of his task, the villain uses a hose which pumps gas instead of water into his trunk.

The elephant blows up like a balloon, and follows Harold like a pet dog. Harold uses the animal in his circus arena and then tears Myrtle away from her act. He lets the elephant drift skyward with he and Myrtle balanced on a trapeze suspended below the aerial beast. But Harold's cigarette punctures the animal's skin and the pair are plunged earthward. Harold lands in a lion's cage while Myrtle lights in a life net in the circus tent where she is rescued by the brave Mike. In the meantime, Harold is having a lively time begging the lion to spare his life, and when Mike and Myrtle, now happily united, pass the lion's cage, they see the beast licking his chops and find no trace of the villain.

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